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This is a Public Comment on the proposed settlement among the Justice Department, the Nine States and Microsoft Corporation. I am also including comments about AOL in its recent filing:

I have been a user of Microsoft Windows and many other Microsoft Products for many years. Definitely not because they are the only ones available, but solely because they are the best. (And indeed I have tried many others).

No one using Microsoft Windows (any version) is forced to use MSN Internet Browsers as every computer manufacturer lists a wide range of other providers. As for many others including the worst AOL you can go to any computing store and many other stores and get a free CD to load in to your PC in a matter of minutes and use their service. Just because Microsoft has started including Internet Explorer as an integral part of Windows does not force you into something that you do not want. You can indeed delete their ICONS and use any other provider that you desire without any degrade to the general functioning of Windows.

I was with AOL and used Netscape and found them to be rife with problems and forced spam of every thing from porno to advertising of anything you could name.

I finally got off of AOL and went with QWest because they offered a high speed connection (DSL). I continued to use Netscape until I could no longer stand the errors and finally switched to MSN Internet Explorer and could not be happier.

Every Microsoft product that I use is the best and at the best price.

Finally, I do believe that every one that appeared before the courts against Microsoft have in some way been connected to other manufactures or states. (Probably paid off). This case can be settled quickly if the U.S. District Judge, Colleen Kollar-Kotelly

would issue an order that with any settlement there will be no money involved. Each party will handle their own legal expenses and once the Judge rules on the case, that is it. No further charges or appeals will be accepted. And for any person or group testifying against Microsoft they must be investigated to determine their ties to other manufactures, states and now AOL. As a final step in the settlement the Judge should

ask that the nine states involved should report back to the court within one year on their actions to stop using Microsoft Products.

This is a long dissertation; however, I am fed up with my tax dollars being spent on this insurrection against one of the best companies in the world by a bunch of money hungry companies/states that could not succeed on their own.

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